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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to fully steady on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Demand light to moderate. Supplies mixed with some producers offering whole body hens and toms for up money. Parts and meats trading seasonal. Demand cautious and selective.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. Demand fairly good going to Russia, balance of the markets moderate with many buyers price conscious. The market continued strong for items going to Russia. Offerings tight to instances adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 26, 2003**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-60.5	60	60.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	700	NOV
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58.5	60	60.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	900	NOV

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 AUGUST 2003.

The undertone on tom bulk parts was fully steady on drums and wings, steady on necks. Demand was fair to good on tom drums and wings, necks light to fair. Some buyers continued to be overwhelmed by the recent strength in bulk parts and remain cautious. Offerings of tom drums and wings were light and held with confidence, necks available. Trading light on all items. Frozen thigh meat offerings were tight and traded at higher prices for prompt shipment to Russia. Some livers traded at 17 cents delivered domestic to pet foods.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	82.00		82.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	26.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00		25.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	58.00	40
NECKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	118.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	152.00	80
THIGH MEAT		M	70.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	67.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	48.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	84.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	114.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	18.33	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.50		30.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.50-26.00		25.75	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00		23.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00		82.00	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED
TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63-65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 AUGUST 2003.

Trade sentiment on fresh white meat was steady to firm with tom breast meat in the strongest position. The undertone on frozen white meat was mixed. Fresh white meat demand was fair to good, frozen light. Fresh white meat offerings light. Frozen white meat offerings were mixed with new production held with stronger hands than product with +90 days age. Trading continued to be active for both domestic and export shipments consisting mostly of light volumes. Plant grade non-basted breasts: 12-14 lb. 85, 14-18 lb. 90 cents delivered domestic. For export: hen necks 17.50 delivered current, fresh tom drums 28.50 cents delivered September.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	82.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	153.00		153.00	21
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	58.00	40
NECKS, TOM	18.00-21.00		18.69	104
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	118.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	150.00-155.00		153.63	146
THIGH MEAT		M	70.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	65.00		65.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	48.00	40
TENDERLOINS	98.00		98.00	16
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	90.00		90.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	117.00-121.00		119.68	62
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-32.00		30.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	54
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	79.50		79.50	156

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 08/27/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	16,104	47,434	47,434
2002-2003	5,000	91,142	91,142

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 08/20/03

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2003-2004	-	-	-
2002-2003	5,000	86,142	86,142

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